

REMARKS

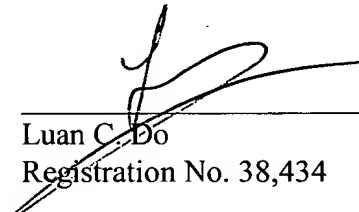
Further to the Amendment filed May 15, 2003, please amend the claims, as shown above, to correct the inadvertent duplicate numbering of claim 97.

In view of the amendments above and the Amendment filed May 15, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of all the pending rejections.

While the present application is now believed to be in condition for allowance, should the Examiner find some issue to remain unresolved, or should any new issues arise which could be eliminated through discussions with Applicants' representative, then the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone in order that the further prosecution of this application can thereby be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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